

Memo



To: Eoghan Ryan, DoS Planning

CC: Amy Granville, Senior Planner
Gabriel Conlon, Senior Executive Officer
Caroline O'Donnell, Senior Executive Planner

From: Ruth Kidney, Architectural Conservation Officer

Date: 17/04/2023

Re: Sections 54 & 55 of Planning and Development Act (2000 as amended); Addition to the RPS Derryoughter East

Dear Eoghan,

Section 54 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) states the following in relation to proposed additions to the Record of Protected Structures;

'(1)A planning authority may add to or delete from its record of protected structures a structure, a specified part of a structure or a specified feature of the attendant grounds of a structure, where—

(a) the authority considers that—

- (i) in the case of an addition, the addition is necessary or desirable in order to protect a structure, or part of a structure, of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest, whether or not a recommendation has been made under section 53, or*
- (ii) in the case of a deletion, the protection of the structure or part is no longer warranted,*

and

(b) the addition or deletion is made when making a development plan under Part II or in accordance with section 55.

(2) The making of an addition to, or a deletion from, a record of protected structures shall be a reserved function.'

In accordance with Section 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the following procedures (in summary) must be followed;

- (i) Each owner/occupier of the proposed protected structure must be notified
- (ii) Particulars must be sent to the Minister
- (iii) A notice must be published in a newspaper circulating in the areas concerned inviting submissions for a period of not less than 6 weeks
- (iv) Within 12 weeks of the end of the public consultation period, the planning authority shall decide whether or not the proposed addition should be made
- (v) Within 12 weeks after the making of any addition, the planning authority must serve a notice on the owner / occupier.

It is intended to propose the addition of Thatched Cottage, Derryoughter East on the Record of Protected Structures for the reasons as set out hereunder;

The existing cottage is included in a gazetteer published in 2006, '*The Thatched House of County Kildare*', by Charles Duggan, p35,

Detached three-bay single-storey semi direct-entry thatched house, built c.1850, with a three bay-single-storey flat roofed extension to the rear, built c.1975. Hipped oaten straw thatched roof with a twisted ridge and interspersed straw bobbins. Bamboo scollops to the ridge and eaves and a rebuilt red-brick chimneystack with terracotta pots. Whitewashed rough cast render over mud walls of approximately 45cm in thickness. Battered gables. Square-headed window openings with timber casement windows c1975 and concrete sills. Square-headed door opening with timber panelled door having an oval glazed panel and a plank timber half door (lower half only). An intact interior with an open hearth with solid fuel range inserted. Tongue-and-grooved ceiling panelling to both rooms.

The thatched cottage is currently in a partially demolished state. The southern bay of the cottage has completely collapsed. The central bay, central chimney stack and northern bay remains intact. The northern corner has been damaged. Approximately half of the hipped oaten straw thatched roof with a twisted ridge and straw bobbins survive. The non-original redbrick chimneystack with terracotta pots survives. The surviving square-headed window and door openings are fitted with a uPVC window and door. It was not possible to access the interior of the cottage to assess the surviving internal features.

There is an existing single storey contemporary extension to the rear of the thatched cottage, agricultural buildings to the rear of the site and a mobile home to the south of the site.

The house has recently been purchased by the current owner in 2020. The cottage appeared to be intact in 2021, ref. Google Map Image Figure 1.

Architectural Significance

The subject thatched cottage is deeply significant as it is one of a few dozen surviving vernacular thatched cottages located in County Kildare. The cottage demonstrates a typical traditional homestead of the Irish rural working-class up to the twentieth century. Vernacular houses were built with local materials as the homes and workplaces for local people and are becoming increasingly rare in rural Ireland. The subject thatched cottage is one of the last remaining houses which were once prevalent in this low-lying marshland area. They are simple, functional buildings with little ornamentation that represent a link to the history of the people who lived in the area.

Historical Significance

In 1975, Tiede Herrema, a Dutch businessman, was kidnapped by the Provisional IRA from Castletroy, Limerick. Following a two-week siege, Herrema was released unharmed. Local sources believe that Tiede Herrema was held for some time at this cottage during his kidnap. Therefore, this thatched cottage has historical significance due to its association and contribution to Irish history.



Figure 1: Goggle Map Streetview (2021)



Figure 2: Current condition of thatched cottage facing south



Figure 3: Current condition of thatched cottage facing north

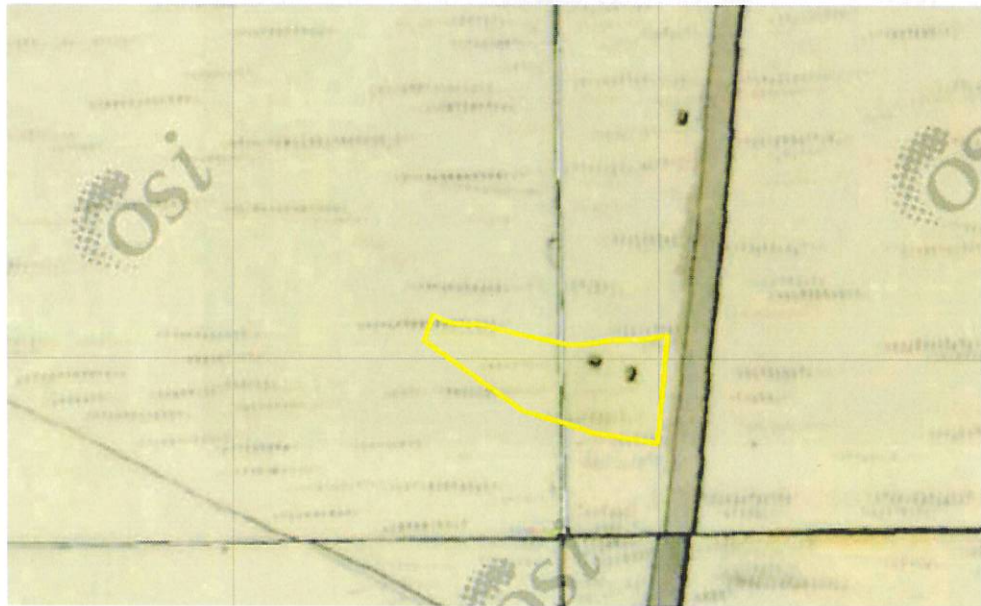
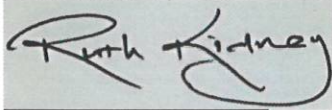


Figure 4: 1st OS, c.1837 indicating cottage in current location

Recommendation:

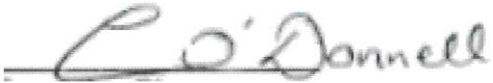
In my opinion Thatched Cottage, Derryoughter East, is of architectural and historical special interest, equivalent to an NIAH Regional Rating, and merits inclusion on the Record of Protected Structures.

Signed;

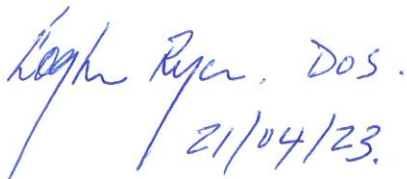
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Ruth Kidney

Architectural Conservation Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C O'Donnell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "O".

Caroline O'Donnell
Senior Executive Planner

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hugh Ryan, D.O.S." followed by a vertical line and the date "21/04/23".